

The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

West Main & Church Streets, Westborough, Massachusetts



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are an "Open and Affirming" Church

Available are nursery/cribbery care, large print bulletins, and an elevator.



Pastor Paul Sangree, Senior Pastor
Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani, Pastor of Spiritual Development

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH
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Aug 21, 2016

10:00 AM

"We are a church of the Holy Spirit! Whatever your spiritual disposition-skeptic, seeker, follower - we welcome you and pray that you might hear something of the Good News today!"

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

PRELUDE

"Prayer"

arr. by Harold K. Marks

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come all you people for the story of God is unfolding.

People: It is the story of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses and the Exodus.

Leader: It is the story of the prophets and the kings.

People: It is the story of Jesus and his followers.

Leader: A story of hope, love, joy, and belonging.

People: Of courage and redemption, faith and good news.

Leader: This is God's story.

People: This is our story.

All: Come and listen, for the story of God is unfolding.

*OPENING HYMN #480

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

*UNISON PRAYER

Eternal and ever present God, sustain and excite our gathered community. Arouse our expectancy and subdue our expectations. Embrace us in our worship. Let the words we see and hear, speak and sing, work their way into our hearts bringing comfort and peace, that we may be prepared to tell your story and spread the good news. We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying...

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Everyone may be seated)

CHILDREN'S SCRIPTURE

Psalms 55:12-16

(pew Bible page 454)

(Children are invited to come forward)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Paul and Beartholomew

(As children leave, please greet those near you.)

ANTHEM

"Christ is the Light"

Grace Hegy

Judy Ellis, soloist

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Paul Sangree

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-36

(pew Bible page 818)

SERMON

"Same Old Story"

Pete Graham

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation: *Let us bring our gifts before God!*

(In each of our pews today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. If you can, please leave the sheet on the top of the book at the end of the pew. Thanks!)

Offertory Anthem

"Here Am I; Send Me"

Diane Tuiofu

Judy Ellis, soloist

*DOXOLOGY (*unison*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

As You share your blessings with us, Gracious God, You show great faith that we will use them wisely and offer them generously to others. So, by faith, may our gifts bring healing to the broken, hope to the despairing, and laughter to those who mourn. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #557

"Just a closer Walk with Thee"

CLOSER WALK

*BENEDICTION

Leader: We are a community of:

People: OPEN DOORS – AND GROWING FAITH!

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata in F"

Dietrich Buxtehude

We thank our seminarian **Pete Graham** for helping to lead worship today.

We thank **Judy Ellis** for sharing her gift of music this morning.

Rachel Graham greeted you this morning and served as liturgist.

Beth Dapolite and **Roy Rogers** are Deacons of the day.

OPEN DOORS – GROWING FAITH!

This is our vision statement. It speaks to our desire to open our doors to all of God's children, and to have all of the love and acceptance that is in this place flow out of our doors for the community and beyond. Our hope is also to grow faith in kids, youth and adults so that we can walk together in Jesus' way, led by the Holy Spirit. Join us!

Join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs after worship

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR AUG 21, 2016

Continued Prayers: Carol Norton (friend of Sue Menzel); George Reimann; Christopher Bramley; Jane Kruse; Maciej Moskal; Julie Harris (Marge Butcher's sister-in-law); Ted Jaworski's mother Gina and his sister Liz; Dick Birch; Helena Engberg

Prayer requests: You can place prayer concerns on the church's email distribution list at epayers@uccwestboro.org. If you would like a prayer request included in today's service, please let a Deacon know prior to the start of worship. Prayers will remain listed for 8 weeks. If you would like a prayer renewed, please call the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKING OPTIONS

Please know that in addition to parking in our lot or on the street, you can park next door in the library parking spaces on Parkman St., or behind the Forbes building next to the library. We're glad you're here!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer hours for the months of July and August are Wednesday & Thursday from 9am-1pm. Regular office hours will resume after Labor Day, on Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS & PRAYER WALK, SAT. SEPT. 10TH AT 4PM

Join us for a special blessing of the animals on the front lawn on Sat., Sept. 10th at 4PM. All pets and people are welcome, including stuffed animals! Then bring your pets along as we do a prayer walk after the blessing!

WELCOME SUNDAY COMING SEPT. 11TH!

We will begin our new church year on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 10AM with a big welcome! Sunday School will begin, our choir and the contemporary music group JoySpring will return, and there will be a great picnic after church on the lawn! Invite a friend and join us! (see last page for details of picnic)

CHURCH CLEAN UP SAT. SEPT. 10TH 9AM-2PM

Join us Sat., Sept. 10th as we clean up our church and get it ready for Welcome Sunday! There will be all kinds of jobs for everyone to do! Join us any time between 9AM – 2PM!

FARMER'S MARKET

Join us on the front lawn for the community Farmer's Market on Thursday afternoons from 2-6 PM in the summer. Our church will have a booth there as well to welcome people. Please stop by!

***Could you help us out at the booth this summer?** You can sign up downstairs in the church for a time slot from 2-4 or 4-6 any Thursday. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table downstairs as you come into the church. Thanks!

DISMAS HOUSE

Our church goes on the first Thursday of the month to cook and serve a meal with the people of Dismas House, a home for ex-prisoners. If you would like to help, be in touch with Karen Hutchinson at millarhutch@aol.com. We will go again **Thursday, Sept. 1st**.

WANTED! YOUR EMPTY EGG CARTONS

There is a need for empty egg cartons. Please leave them on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you, Lynne Caldwell

TOTE BAGS

Our Growing and Inviting Team has made up tote bags with our church name on them for us to use while we are out and about. Come check them out! They will be downstairs during the coffee hour for \$5, or you can get them at the Farmer's Market table on Thursdays from 2-6 or during regular office hours.

GROCERY CARDS

2016 Goal: \$10,000

2016 YTD Sales: \$4,845.00

How does the Grocery Card program work? We buy grocery cards in bulk from Stop & Shop, Roche Bros., and Price Chopper at a discounted rate. We sell the card to you at face value. This fund raiser supports the operations part of the Church budget. For the year 2016, we have made a commitment of \$10,000 to the budget. Thanks! Contact us: Karen Hutchinson at 508.870.1782 or millarhutch@aol.com or Nancy Quimby at 774.249.4431 or nquimby11@gmail.com or Sally Petersen at sbpetersen4@gmail.com and 366.5169.

COFFEE HOUR

Would you like to serve by helping out with the coffee hour after church downstairs? Please look for the sign-up downstairs on the coffee hour table. Email Suzanne Arpante at sbarpante@aol.com. Thanks!

WESTBOROUGH'S 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

One of the "Pay it forward" projects planned as a celebration is a drive to collect mittens for the needy. The goal is 300 pairs to coincide with our 300th birthday. My friend and committee member Michele Conway is the committee's contact for the Westborough places of worship. There will be collection boxes in other places around town as well ie: the schools, and the library. Mittens can be handmade, or gloves and mittens can be store bought (children and adult). Keep an eye out for the mitten snowman

collection box and help warm someone's hands and heart. Michele has patterns available. Her contact information is: mmcfletcher@hotmail.com. Thank-you and God bless. **Jean Newton**

E-PRAYERS AND E-NEWS

Two ways our church community can stay in touch with up to date notices and prayer concerns is to make sure you are signed up to receive eprayers and enews. The two programs are separate and intended to have separate content and not be duplicative. Enews is for announcements about our church's activities, and eprayers is for prayer requests, concerns of the congregation, celebrations and other spiritually related matters. To subscribe to eprayers or to submit a prayer request please email your request to eprayers@uccwestboro.org. If you would like to subscribe to enews, contact the church office at 366-2000 or send your request to either brossi6@verizon.net or westboroucc@verizon.net. Once you do, you will then receive an email asking you to subscribe to the service. All you have to do is accept the email and you will be put on the list.

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Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani, Pastor of Spiritual Development - revelaineg@aol.com

Wendy Reardon, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries - wendysreardon@yahoo.com

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www.facebook.com/TheCongregationalChurchofWestborough*





CALENDAR AUG 21st - AUG 28th

Aug 21 10:00 AM	Sunday Worship & Summer story time
Aug 22 7:30 PM	Monday AA/Cribbery
Aug 23	Tuesday (no scheduled events)
Aug 24 3:30 PM	Wednesday (New Evangel Deadline) Journey Home Singers/Choir Room
Aug 25 11:00 AM 2PM-6PM	Thursday PCC/Fannie Forbes Room Farmer's Market
Aug 26	Friday (no events scheduled)
Aug 27	Saturday (no events scheduled)
Aug 28 10:00 AM	Sunday - (Clif Newton preaching) Worship & Summer story time

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**Sept. 11th
Annual
“Welcome
Here Picnic”
(on the side
lawn)**



Bring desserts and salads. Beverages & main dishes will be provided.

Time: Sunday After Church
Activities have been planned for
children of all ages. For info: call Cathie at

508-380-8671 camachorn@aol.com Parish Life Committee